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At IAS Part 57 of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of New York, at the Courthouse located at 80 Centre Street, New York, New York on the Aday of January, 2010.

PRESENT:

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Hon. Marcy S. Friedman, MARCY S. FRIEDMAN Justice.

REUBEN TAUB and HINDY TAUB,

Index No. 116878/2009

Petition PAID

-against-

JAN 28 2010

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

IRA DANIEL TOKAYER,

NEW YORK
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
Respondent.

Upon reading and filing the supporting Affirmation of J. Ted Donovan, Esq., dated January 27, 2010, together with the supporting exhibits, and all prior proceeding heretofore had herein,

LET the Petitioners and Respondent appear and show cause before this Court at IAS Part 57, Room 328, to be held at the Courthouse located at 80 Centre Street, New York, New York on February 25, 2010 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why an Order should not be made and issued herein permitting Richard O'Connell, Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee of Arbco Capital Management, LLP ("Intervener") to intervene

in this action pursuant to CPLR 5225(b) and 5239 on the ground that the Intervener has a competing claim against the funds which are the subject of the instant proceeding; and it is further

ORDERED, that a copy of this Order to Show Cause, together with the papers upon which it is based shall be served upon the Petitioners and the respective counsel, by regular mail on or before formally 2, 2010 and same service shall be good and sufficient notice hereof; and it is further

ORDERED, that responsive papers, if any, shall be served upon Petitioners, Defendant and Intervener by their respective counsel on or before February \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 and same service shall be good and sufficient notice thereof.

ENTER:

MARCY S. FRIEDMAN, J.S.C.
MARCY S. FRIEDMAN

Opposition papers shall be served by 3/16/10
Reply papers, it any, shall be served by 3/23/10
All papers shall be served so received by the above dates, and shall be filed with the Clerk of Part 57 at least two (2) days before the return date. Oral argument is required.

COUNTY OF NEW YORK	
REUBEN TAUB and HINDY TAUB,	Index No. 116878/2009
Petitioners,	
-against-	
IRA DANIEL TOKAYER,	
Respondent.	
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# AFFIRMATION IN SUPPORT OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY RICHARD O'CONNELL, TRUSTEE SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO INTERVENE IN THIS ACTION

STATE OF NEW YORK	)	
	)	ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK	)	

J. Ted Donovan, an attorney duly admitted to the Courts of the State of New York affirms the following under penalties of perjury:

## PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. I am an associate with the law firm of Goldberg Weprin Finkel Goldstein LLP. My firm represents Richard O'Connell (the "Trustee"), Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee of Arbco Capital Management, LLP ("Arbco"). As such, I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances of this matter, and submit this affirmation in support of the pre-fixed Order to Show Cause for a hearing to consider the motion of the Trustee to intervene in the within action.
- 2. This is an action commenced by Reuben and Hindy Taub (jointly, the "Petitioners") to enforce a judgment obtained by them against DVP

Global Trading LLC ("DVP") against certain funds being held in escrow by Respondent, Ira D. Tokayer, Esq.

- 3. The Trustee has likewise laid claim to these funds and, in fact, instituted an adversary proceeding in the Bankruptcy Court in his own right seeking a turnover of those same funds. Based upon the pending bankruptcy, it would appear that this proceeding is subject to the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. § 362.
- 4. To the extent that the bankruptcy stay is not applicable, however, the Trustee hereby requests that he be permitted to intervene in this proceeding as a potential adverse claimant under CPLR 5225(b) and 5239.

## **BACKGROUND**

- 5. Hayim Regensberg ("Regensberg") was the managing partner of Arbco and operated a Ponzi scheme to defraud a number of investors, including Mr. Taub, who, along with others, commenced an involuntary petition in bankruptcy. Mr. Regensberg was convicted of securities fraud and is currently incarcerated in the Federal penal system.
- 6. Reuben Taub, among others, filed an involuntary petition in bankruptcy against Arbco on October 19, 2007. Thereafter, an Order for Relief was entered against Arbco on November 26, 2007 under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Trustee was subsequently appointed interim trustee and has since qualified as the permanent trustee. Copies of the involuntary petition and order for relief are collectively annexed hereto as Exhibit "A".

- 7. Among the assets of Regensberg and another of his entities, DVP are the proceeds of a lawsuit commenced by them against General Trading of Philadelphia and others in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County under Index No. 111582-2003 (the "2003 Action"). The 2003 Action was settled, and Ira Tokayer ("Tokayer"), the defendant herein, is holding \$450,000 in settlement proceeds (the "Proceeds") as Tokayer represented the plaintiffs in the 2003 Action. After the Trustee's appointment, the undersigned's firm wrote to Tokayer and requested that he retain the Proceeds in escrow pursuant to attached correspondence annexed hereto as Exhibit "B".
- 8. By complaint dated October 15, 2009, the Trustee commenced an action against Regensberg, DVP and Tokayer in the Bankruptcy Court, under Adversary Proceeding No. 09-01528 (the "Bankruptcy Action"). A copy of the complaint filed in the existing adversary proceeding brought by the Trustee is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".
- 9. The time for the defendants to answer the complaint has been extended to February 28, 2010. A pre-trial conference is scheduled for March 2, 2010.
- 10. As part of his criminal sentence, Regensberg has been ordered to pay restitution of \$13,400,960.65. The Trustee has commenced a separate action against Regensberg seeking to recover money he looted from Arbco in an amount not less than \$13,400,960.65.

- 11. On July 10, 2009, almost two years after filing the involuntary petition against Arbco, Petitioners commenced an action against DVP in the Supreme Court for the State of New York, New York County, seeking to recover \$1 million loaned by Petitioners to DVP in March 2000 (the "Taub Action"). Copies of the summons and complaint filed in the Taub Action are annexed hereto as Exhibit "D".
- 12. Petitioners thereafter obtained a judgment against DVP in the amount of \$1,123,753.22, and served an execution on Respondent Tokayer seeking turnover of the Proceeds. After Tokayer declined to comply with the execution, citing to the Trustee's pending Bankruptcy Action, Petitioners commenced the instant action seeking to compel Tokayer to comply with the execution.

## **ARGUMENT**

- 13. The Trustee respectfully submits that he should be permitted to intervene in this action to protect the rights of all of the creditors of Arbco, including Reuben Taub, in and to the Proceeds.
- 14. Petitioners have declined to consent to the requested relief, apparently on the basis that any judgment which is awarded in favor of the Trustee in the Bankruptcy Action will be subordinate to the rights of the Petitioners in and to the Proceeds, because of their prior execution on the Proceeds. This, however, overlooks two very important facts.

- in which Regensberg acted through his three business entities, Arbco, DVP and Midwest Trading LLC ("Midwest"), the three entities are alter egos, and the Trustee, as the holder of all rights in and to the assets of Arbco, is entitled to pierce the corporate veil and administer the assets of DVP and Midwest as well. Thus, if the Trustee is successful in the Bankruptcy Action, the Proceeds, to the extent that they are an asset of DVP as rightfully an asset of Arbco, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court. This will have the practical effect of invoking the automatic stay to avoid the execution served by Petitioners.
- 16. The Trustee believes that Regensberg acted through DVP from February, 1999 through sometime in 2002 or 2003, when he switched his transactions to Midwest. Thereafter, in late 2005 or early 2006, he switched again, and stopped operating under Midwest, carrying out his transactions through Arbco. Thus, for example, monies that were invested in Midwest in 2005 were repaid to investors from Arbco in 2006. It appears that he thus treated the three businesses as one entity, for all purposes.
- 17. Interestingly, evidence supporting the Trustee's position is found in the transactions between the Petitioners, DVP and Arbco. Among the allegations contained in the complaint filed by the Petitioners in the Taub Action is that "On or about December 26, 2006, DVP arranged for a Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$50,000) partial payment of the Loan to the plaintiffs." In fact, as

evidenced by the wire transfer statement annexed hereto as Exhibit "E", it appears

that the partial repayment of the loans was paid by Arbco, not DVP.

18. Secondly, it must be noted that the Proceeds were obtained in

a litigation commenced by Regensberg, in which the complaint was amended to

add DVP as a party Plaintiff. At this stage in these proceedings, the extent to

which the Proceeds are properly property of Regensberg, DVP or both is not clear.

Thus, even if Petitioners have are ultimately found to have a superior claim in

DVP's property, as they have no judgment against Regensberg, their claim to so

much of the Proceeds as belongs to Regensberg may not be superior to that of the

Trustee, who possesses indisputable claims against Regensberg.

19. In any event, under the circumstances, full and complete

relief cannot be granted without the involvement and participation of the Trustee.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully prays for the entry of an

Order consistent with the foregoing, and for such other and further relief as may

be proper, for which no previous application has been made to this or any other

Court.

Dated: New York, NY January 27, 2010

J. Ted Donovan, Esq.

Goldberg Weprin Finkel Goldstein LLP

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New York, NY 10036

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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In Re:

Case No. 07-13283

RBCO CAPITAL MANAGEMEN	T, LLP, Debtor.	Chapter 7
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		een Farrell-Willoughby of the Bankruptcy Court
October 24, 2007	Ву	Tiffany Campbell
Date		Deputy Clerk

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
In re:	Chapter 7
ARBCO CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLP	Case No.
Alleged Debtor.	

# SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT CONCERNING BASIS AND JUSTIFICATION FOR INVOLUNTARY PROCEEDINGS

The Alleged Debtor is a private investment company principally owned and operated by Hayim A. Regensberg ("Regensberg"). Petitioners each loaned relatively significant sums to the Alleged Debtor for re-investment purposes based upon various promissory notes and other financial arrangements concerning IPO offerings on the London Stock Exchange. Within the last week, various promissory notes have been accelerated by some of the Petitioners and the Alleged Debtor is now in default of significant monetary obligations, including both unpaid promissory notes of approximately \$2,160,000 and failure to reimburse funds invested with respect to previous IPO offerings of more than \$4,900,000. Moreover, Regensberg has engaged in highly suspicious activity within recent weeks leading to the belief that ARBCO is racked with fraud. Among other things, Regensberg has provided patently false information to certain Petitioners regarding available bank balances at Commerce Bank, manipulating bank reports to purportedly reflect more than \$9,000,000 on deposit, when in fact

the Petitioners have subsequently confirmed the balance in the bank was approximately \$9,000. Thereafter Regensberg has been evasive and refused to communicate with creditors. Accordingly, Petitioners believe that the Alleged Debtor is plainly incapable of paying its debts as they become due for purposes of 11 U.S.C. § 303(h)(1), while Regensberg and perhaps others have likely misappropriated millions of dollars.

Dated: New York, NY October 19, 2007

> FINKEL GOLDSTEIN ROSENBLOOM & NASH, LLP Attorneys for the Debtor 26 Broadway – Suite 711 New York, New York 10004 (212) 344-2929

By: <u>\_</u>

Kevin J. Nash (KJN 6274) A Member of the Firm

## REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Petitioners request that an order for relief be entered against the debtor under the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

Petitioners declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct according to the best of their knowledge, information and belief.

/s/ Henry Gross

Signature of Petitioner

Petitioner: H. Gros

H. Gross Family, LP 444 Madison Avenue

New York, New York 10022

/s/ Kevin J. Nash

Signature of Attorney

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/s/ Mark Gross

Signature of Petitioner

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/s/ Kevin J. Nash

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/s/ Deborah Kamioner

Signature of Petitioner

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Deborah Kamioner

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/s/ Kevin J. Nash

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Tel: (212) 344-2929

## PETITIONING CREDITORS

Name and address of Petitioner	Nature of Claim	Amount of Claim
H. Gross Family LP 444 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022	Monies now due under various promissory notes and other loans	\$ 900,000
Mark Gross 43 West 89 <sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10024	Monies now due under various promissory notes and other loans	\$ 825,000
Deborah Kamioner 5220 Arlington Avenue Bronx, NY 10471	Monies now due under various promissory notes and other loans	\$ 100,000
Charles Gedinsky 585 West End Avenue New York, New York 10024	Monies now due under various promissory notes and other loans	\$ 250,000
Mitchell Rothschild 245 E. 63 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Apt. 918 New York, NY 10021	Monies now due under various promissory notes and other loans	\$ 50,000
Irwin Zalcberg Profit Sharing Plan 52118 Lake Park Drive Grand Beach, MI 49117	Monies now due under various promissory notes and other loans	\$ 150,000
Brooklyn Estates, LLC P.O. Box 190053 Brooklyn, NY 11210	Monies now due under various promissory notes and other loans	\$ 317,740
Andrew W. Schonzeit 225 West 88 <sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 2C New York, NY 10024	Monies now due under various promissory notes and other loans	\$ 610,000
Reuben Taub 607 West End Avenue, Apt 4A New York, NY 10024	Monies now due under various promissory notes and other loans	\$2,070,380

/s/ Charles Gedinsky Signature of Petitioner

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/s/ Kevin J. Nash Signature of Attorney

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/s/ Irwin Zalcberg, Trustee Signature of Petitioner

Irwin Zalcberg Profit Sharing Plan

Attn: Irwin Zalcberg, Trustee

52118 Lake Park Drive Grand Beach, MI 49117 /s/ Kevin J. Nash Signature of Attorney

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Name and address of Petitioner	Nature of Claim	Amount of Claim
Malvine Spitzer 1629 51st Street Brooklyn, NY 11204	Monies now due under various promissory notes and other loans	\$ 500,000
Eli Jacobson 365 West End Avenue, Apt 803 New York, NY 10024	Monies now due under various promissory notes and other loans	\$ 792 <b>,</b> 456
Bruce Rosenblum 180 Riverside Blvd, Apt10B New York, NY 10069	Monies now due under various promissory notes and other loans	\$ 510,550

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/s/ Joseph Schreiber, Managing Member

Signature of Petitioner

/s/ Kevin J. Nash Signature of Attorney

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/s/ Kevin J. Nash
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Signature of Petitioner

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
In re:	Chapter 7
ARBCO CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLP	Case No. 07- 13283 (ALG)
Debtor.	
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## ORDER FOR RELIEF UNDER CHAPTER 7 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

It appearing that an involuntary petition under Chapter 7 Title 11 of the United States Code (11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq) (the "Bankruptcy Code") was filed against the Alleged Debtor ARBCO CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLP on October 19, 2007, and thereafter a summons and the involuntary petition was duly served on the Alleged Debtor on October 26, 2007; and it further appearing that the Alleged Debtor ARBCO CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLP has not timely answered or otherwise responded to the involuntary petition;

NOW on motion of Finkel Goldstein Rosenbloom & Nash, LLP, attorneys for Petitioning Creditors; it is hereby

ORDERED, that an order for relief is hereby entered against ARBCO CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLP under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Office of the United States Trustee shall appoint a case trustee forthwith.

Dated:

New York, New York November 26, 2007

/s/ Allan L. Gropper
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Law Offices of

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Re: Arbco Capital Management Co.

Dear Mr. Tokayer:

I understand that you represented Hayim A. Regensberg and DVP Global in connection with an action in the Supreme Court - New York County, Index No: 11582-03, and are in possession of certain settlement proceeds.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that involuntary bankruptcy proceedings were filed against ARBCO Capital Management, LLP and certain of its funds may have been used to fund this litigation or to pay attorneys fees and expenses.

In view of the pending bankrupcy, I insist that you retain all settlement proceeds in your possession and not make any distributions without further order of the Bankruptcy Court.

We recognize that your firm is entitled to a charging lien on the settlement proceeds but the balance of funds will likely be the subject of various avoidance actions in bankruptcy.

I am enclosing a copy of the involuntary petition commenced by my firm on behalf of petitioning creditors.

KÉVIN J. NASH

November 14, 2007

KJN:nc Encl.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW	YORK					
In re:	Chapter 7					
Arbco Capital Management, LLP,		Case No. 07- 13283 (AL0				
	Debtor.	Hon. Allan L. Gropper				
Richard O'Connell, as chapter 7 Trus estate of Arbco Capital Management,						
	Plaintiff,					
- against-		Adv. Pro. No.				
Hayim Regensberg, DVP Global Trac LLP and Ira D. Tokayer, Esq. as Escr Agent,						
	Defendants.					
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## **COMPLAINT**

The Plaintiff herein, Richard O'Connell, ("Plaintiff'), in his capacity as Chapter 7 trustee of the estate of Arbco Capital Management, LLP ("Arbco"), by his attorneys, Goldberg Weprin Finkel Goldstein LLP, as and for his complaint, respectfully sets forth and represents as follows:

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This adversary proceeding is brought pursuant to Sections 541, 542, 548 and 550 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 7001(1) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") to

obtain a judgment directing a turnover and surrender of certain proceeds described herein currently being held by Defendant Ira D. Tokayer, Esq. as escrow agent.

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over this adversary proceeding by virtue of 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 (a) and (b), 1334 (b), and the "Standing Order of Referral of Cases to Bankruptcy Judges" of the United States District Court.
- 3. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(E), (H) and (O).
  - 4. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1409(a).

### **PARTIES**

- 5. This bankruptcy case was commenced by the filing of an involuntary petition against Arbco on October 19, 2007 (the "Petition Date"). Thereafter, an Order for Relief was entered on November 26, 2007 under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Plaintiff was subsequently appointed interim trustee and has since qualified as the permanent trustee herein.
- 6. Defendant Hayim Regensberg ("Regensberg") was the managing partner of Arbco, and was primarily responsible for its operations. He is currently incarcerated in the Federal penal system.
- 7. Upon information and belief, Defendant DVP Global Trading LLP is a New York limited partnership owned and controlled by Regensberg, in whole or part.
- 8. Defendant Ira D. Tokayer, Esq. is an attorney at law duly admitted to practice in New York, with offices at 42 W 38th Street, Room 802, New York, NY 10018-0064 and is named as an escrow holder without any personal liability.

## **BACKGROUND FACTS**

- 9. Prior to bankruptcy, Arbco was purportedly engaged in the business of providing financial and investment services.
- 10. Upon information and belief, Regensberg is and was also the owner and managing member of Midwest Trading LLC ("Midwest"), which was an affiliate, alter ego and/or predecessor in interest to the Arbco.
- 11. Upon information and belief, Regensberg freely intermingled the assets of Arbco and Midwest; failed to maintain separate employees, business offices and accounts; and otherwise ignored the corporate formalities between the two entities.
- 12. The businesses of Arbco and Midwest were integrated and were effectively one and the same, such that creditors and investors dealt with Arbco and Midwest as a single economic unit and did not treat them as having separate identities.
- 13. Moreover, due to the nature of the Ponzi scheme, the affairs of Arbco and Midwest are so entangled that consolidation will benefit all creditors.
- 14. Consequently, monies disbursed by Midwest during relevant times in question are recoverable by Arbco's bankruptcy estate. Both Arbco and Midwest should be deemed substantively consolidated, to constitute a single bankruptcy estate for the purposes of this adversary proceeding. Thus, Arbco and Midwest are hereinafter collectively and interchangeably referred to as the "Debtor."
- 15. After the commencement of this bankruptcy case and entry of the Order for Relief, Regensberg was found guilty following a jury trial of securities fraud

and wire fraud in connection with the theft of more than \$10 million through willful misrepresentation about two investment scams he perpetrated through the Debtor.

- 16. By decision dated June 29, 2009, Regensberg was sentenced to serve 100 months in jail by the Hon. Victor Marrero of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.
- 17. Regensberg operated two different frauds. In one, he informed investors that he was able to obtain initial public offering stock in various companies listed on international exchanges. In the second, he claimed to be loaning monies to trading firms to be used as collateral for leveraged investments.
- 18. In reality, Regensberg likely operated a "Ponzi" style scheme and misappropriated various funds. Once his scheme began to unravel, he took steps to hide his illegal conduct by such measures as producing false bank statements to reflect more than \$9,000,000 on deposit, when in fact the balance in the bank was only \$9,000.
- 19. With the criminal proceedings now over, the Trustee has obtained certain documents and financial records from the United States Attorney, and is commencing a number of avoidance actions and other litigations.

### THE LITIGATION PROCEEDS

20. Upon information and belief, Defendant Ira D. Tokayer, Esq., as attorney at law, represented Defendants Hayim Regensberg and DVP Global Trading, LLC in certain litigation against General Trading of Philadelphia and others in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County under Index No. 111582-2003 (the "Litigation").

- 21. The Litigation, directly or indirectly, implicates rights, interests and claims which rightfully and equitably belong to the Debtor and the Debtor's estate.
- 22. Alternatively, even if the Litigation involves rights, interests and claims unrelated to the Debtor, Regensberg's interest in the Litigation should be forfeited to Plaintiff by virtue of his subsequent fraud and other wrongdoing.
- 23. Upon information and belief, Defendants Hayim Regensberg and DVP Global Trading, LLC settled the Litigation for the sum of \$450,000.
- 24. Upon information and belief, the proceeds of the settlement are being held and retained by Defendant Ira D. Tokayer as escrow holder (the "Litigation Proceeds").

## AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (11 U.S.C. §§ 541 and 542)

- 25. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs "1" through "24" above, as if fully set forth herein.
- 26. The Litigation Proceeds rightfully constitute property of the Debtor's estate, to be administered by the Plaintiff, pursuant to Section 541 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 27. Defendant Ira D. Tokayer, Esq. is a custodian of property belonging to the Debtor's bankruptcy estate, as that term is used in Section 543 of the Bankruptcy Code.

28. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff is entitled to a judgment directing Defendant Ira D. Tokayer, Esq. to turnover the Litigation Proceeds pursuant to Sections 542 and 543 of the Bankruptcy Code free of the potential adverse claims.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment directing a turnover of the Litigation Proceeds, together with accrued interest and costs of this action.

Dated: New York, New York October 15, 2009

GOLDBERG WEPRIN FINKEL GOLDSTEIN LLP

Attorneys for Plaintiff Richard O'Connell 1501 Broadway, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor New York, New York 10036 (212) 221-5700

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Index No.

Reuben Taub and Hind1/ Taub

SUMMONS

Plaintiffs,

-against-

DVP Global Trading, L.L.C.

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Defendant.

### TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and serve a copy of your answer to the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons exclusive of the day for service, or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

The plaintiffs reside at: 607 West End Avenue, New York, New York. New York County is designated as venue under CPLR Art. 5.

Dated: New York, New York July 9, 2009

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK NEW YORK COUNTY

Index No.

Reuben Taub and Hindy Taub

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs,

-against-

DVP Global Trading, L.L.C.

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Defendant.

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Plaintiffs, Reuben Taub and Hindy Taub, as and for their complaint, allege as follows:

- Plaintiffs are individuals residing at 607 West End Avenue, New York County, State of New York.
- Upon information and belief, defendant DVP Global Trading, L.L.C. ("DVP") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York whose last known place of business was located at 130 W 42nd Street, New York, New York.
- In or about March 2000, at the request of DVP, plaintiffs made an interest free demand loan to DVP in the principal amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) (the "Loan").
- On or about December 26, 2006, DVP arranged for a Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$50,000.00 partial repayment of the Loan to the plaintiffs.

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- 5. In or about October 2007, plaintiffs demanded the prompt repayment of the balance of Loan.
- 6. DVP has failed to make any further re-payments of the Loan.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiffs demand judgment against the defendant in the amount of Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, together with interest, costs and disbursements of this action and for such further relief as to this Court may seem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York July 9, 2009

Daniel M. Hartman

Attorney for Plaintiffs 489 Fifth Avenue, 28<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10804

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#### VERIFICATION

State of New York )
)ss.:
County of New York )

Reuben Taub, being duly sworn and under penalty of perjury deposes and says that I am the plaintiff in this action, that he has read the attached complaint herein and all the contents thereof are true to his knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that, as to those matters, he believes them to be true.

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Sworn to before me this /o of

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Plaintiffs,

-against-

DVP Global Trading, L.L.C.

Defendant.

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Signature (Rule 130-1.1-a)

Daniel M. Hartman

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